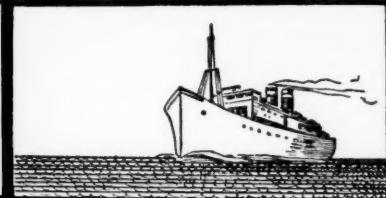


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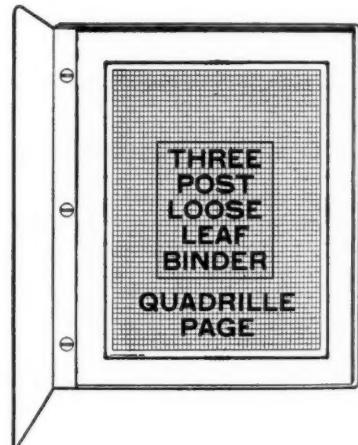
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## Plate Varieties Explained

BY BOB RICHARDSON

ONE of the popular pastimes of many collectors of U. S. stamps for the past few years has been the finding of plate varieties on U. S. stamps, current as well as obsolete issues. These enthusiasts have suffered much ridicule, the epithets generally terming them as "dandruff-on-Washington's-head finders," etc. To some extent this ridicule was merited as a few carried the finding of plate varieties to the extremes, using high power glasses which of course found tiny extra lines or dots not visible with an ordinary magnifying glass, not to mention with unaided eyes. The late C. W. Bedford really popularized this phase of our hobby and the Shift Hunters, as they were termed, soon became numerous. Many collectors are puzzled by the terms commonly used and reading occasionally of these write in to ask what it's all about. This article will try, as briefly as possible, to cover the why and how of plate varieties.

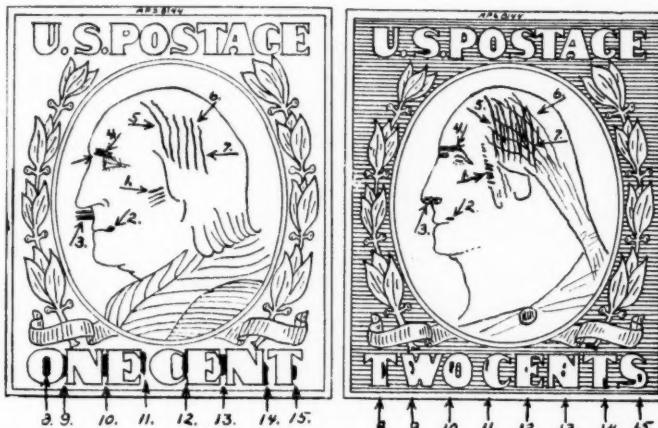
Plate varieties are those varieties in design of a stamp, generally extra lines, dots, scratches or cracks, not intended to occur in the design but which do occur on occasional stamps in a plate due to the manner of making or repairing the plate, or to damage to the plate before or during its use. Not all variations in a stamp's design are plate varieties. Many an extra smear of ink, or white streak does not mean there was a corresponding marking on the plate, for in the course of printing many things can happen to the ink and paper. Such Printing Varieties however are usually found only on one sheet, while a plate variety remains constant in exactly the same position on each sheet printed, unless of course the defect is corrected. In short, plate varieties as the title indicates, are varieties in the plate itself.

In printing from the engraved plates, also called the intaglio process, every scratch or extra dot or line scratched into the surface of the plate will appear in color on the finished stamp. This is just the opposite of typography, or ordinary printing, where any extra line or dot in the surface appears colorless in the finished stamp. In typography the design which prints is the portion higher than the surrounding metal, the ink and paper "taking" only to the high portions. Engraving is just the reverse, where the printing is from the recesses in the surface, the surface being kept clean of ink. The steps in making an engraved plate are: First the design is

engraved on a small piece of steel three or four inches square. Next this design under great pressure is transferred onto a steel roller, as many times on the circumference of the roller as are desired. The roller termed "transfer roller" is of a special soft steel, hardened after the subjects are upon it. Next the plate is made, a thin sheet of polished steel, also of this soft variety being used. It is placed in the bed of a press

ductions are easily told by the raised appearance of the design as the ink does stand out upon the surface, while on other types of printing the printed surface is uniformly flat and smooth.

Now for the plate varieties of the various kinds. They are not hard to understand as the terms are almost self-descriptive. It's another thing to find such varieties on the stamps. Some collectors can readily discover them, while



2c 1908-09 Double Transfer, first transfer in error being the 1c design. The 5c red errors of 1916-17 were similar errors but not detected in the Bureau.

and under great pressure the designs are rolled in from the transfer roller. These finished designs on the plates are properly called transfers and we shall term them as such in the balance of this article. To print from a steel engraved plate, the plate is covered with ink, which fills the recesses, the surface is then polished clean and a sheet of dampened paper is forced between the plate and a thick felt roller. The felt forces the pliable damp paper to pick up all the ink in the lines in the plate and thus the stamps are printed. The advantage of such a process is that the finished product is difficult to counterfeit, as engraving is a trade taking many years to learn and one which calls for a special ability. By making the lines deeper or shallower on the plate the most delicate shading can be produced, which ordinary printing can not even begin to imitate. Engraved pro-

others have difficulty seeing them even after they are pointed out by the discoverer.

**Double Transfer.** In entering the transfers on the plate, one may be entered slightly out of line. To correct this the transfer is "erased." The plate is turned over and by tapping and polishing the surface becomes smooth again. If the erasure is properly done no traces of the design remain. The second transfer is then made. However, frequently not all the first design is erased and minute lines and portions of the design remain. Thus when the second transfer is made these lines make some of the lines in the design appear to be double and this is duplicated of course on the finished stamp. Such evidence of a double entering of the transfer roll is called **Double transfer**. They seldom now are more than minute portions of the design, but on the Civil War revenues

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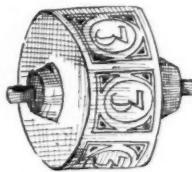
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they are occasionally so large and include so much of the design as to almost look like a double printing. A double print by the way is a double impression from the plate and of course every stamp in that particular sheet will be double. On these double prints the entire design is double, while on a double transfer only those portions of the first transfer not erased will appear double.

**Re-entry.** There is but little difference in appearance of a re-entry from a



Transfer Roller

double transfer and the term re-entry is generally used only to indicate how the variety occurred. Sometimes a transfer on the plate is not satisfactory, perhaps the lines are not deep enough, so without erasing this first transfer, a second is made over the first one. If properly made the re-entry of the transfer will not be noticeable. If re-entered too heavily, the stamp design of this transfer will be correspondingly heavy. If re-entered slightly out of line with the original transfer, the finished stamp will show this doubling of the design and will look just like a double transfer.

**Shifts.** In rolling in the transfers, the plate occasionally shifts, creeps or slips. This results in the border lines at any side of the stamp having an extra line appearing or frequently a portion of the design will be doubled. Here too the name of the variety is indicative of its origin, but as far as its appearance on the finished stamp, a shift looks like a double transfer. The term "shift" or "shifted transfer" is used more to indicate HOW it occurred and not to title the finished variety.

In brief in the stamps themselves, the varieties termed double transfers, shifted transfers or re-entries, all look alike. The descriptive terms used merely denote the cause of these varieties.

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Approximately 100 members and guests attended the banquet at the Suwanee Hotel, various notables being speakers. The local Tony Jannus Chapter had arranged the convention with considerable care and the delegates were kept busy with a round of entertainment. Highlight of the affair was the first day sale of the new 6c air mail stamp. A number of prizes were awarded to winners in a competition of National Air Week cachet designs as well as for displays in various cities during the week.

A large amount of mail has been forwarded in error to the Philippine Islands because the senders wrote the "P. Q." of Quebec addresses in such a manner the postal clerks mistakenly supposed the address was "P. I."

### Sentenced For Fraud

John F. Halloran, 34 Southwall Ave., Portland, Maine, has according to *Western Stamp Collector*, been sentenced to two years in a federal penitentiary for fraudulent use of the mails. The Post Office Inspector working on this case reported he was unable to recover stamp and covers Halloran received from their owners and that apparently this material had been sold by him as fast as it was received.

We have received a copy of the 84 page pricelist of Ercole Gloria, Torino, Italy, pricing in U. S. currency all Italian stamps, as well as colonials, occupation, etc.

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0.87 inch, arranged vertically. Thus it will appear in sheets of 100.

The central design of this stamp depicts the memorial statue by Gutzon Borglum, symbolizing the colonization of the West, which is being erected at Marietta, Ohio. At the base of the statue in raised gothic letters is the wording: "Northwest Territory Sesquicentennial," arranged in two lines. The stamp has a single line frame, and is without background. In the upper left corner in dark gothic is the denomination designation "3c." In a corresponding position in the upper right

corner, in dark gothic, is the date "1788," with "1938" underneath. In a narrow panel with dark ground along the base of the stamp is the inscription "U. S. Postage" in white roman.

The usual rules apply to first day cover senders. Not more than ten covers may be sent the Postmaster at Marietta, O., in advance of the first day date, July 15, together with funds to pay for the stamps wanted affixed.

## George VI British Colonials

Kent B. Stiles in the New York Times reports on the numbers of stamps issued so far for the reign of King George VI. He reports a total of 830 major and minor varieties issued within the British Empire. Of these about 200 are the Coronation commemoratives of 1937 and the balance are regular issues. Of the regular issues less than a hundred appeared in 1937 and the balance of 358 have appeared this year, representing so far the emissions of about 60 stamp-issuing divisions. Mr. Stiles says others are to be expected during this year from Aden, Antigua, Burma, British Somaliland, Dominica, Gilbert & Ellice, Jamaica, Kuwait, Leeward Is., Montserrat, Nauru, New Guinea, Papua, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, South West Africa, Turks & Caicos Is., Union of South Africa, Virgin Islands and Indian Native States which use Indian stamps overprinted for their own state postal systems.

## More Bicolored U. S. Airmails

At the banquet of the convention of the American Air Mail Society held during National Air Mail Week, we learn via the *Airpost Journal* that Supt. Fellers of the Division of Stamps stated the new 6c airmail stamp issued on May 14 was the first in a series of bicolored airmail issues to appear. No other source has to date confirmed this report.

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## First Day Calendar

So many new U. S. stamps are being scheduled that we have decided to print each week a calendar of the stamps scheduled to be issued, adding new ones as they are announced.

- 4½c White House of new issue, July 11 at Washington, D. C.
- 3c Northwest Territory, July 15 at Marietta, Ohio.
- 5c Monroe of new issue, July 21 at Washington, D. C.
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### A Solution of the Precancel Problem

By GEORGE W. LINN

FOR many weeks past the Post Office Department has been in a quandary over the use of precanceled stamps. Some time ago an order was issued which stated that after a certain date, the use of precanceled stamps over the 6c value would be discontinued.

This order practically meant that there would be no future use of precancels on what is generally known as Parcel Post Mail. The order immediately brought a howl from collectors of precanceled stamps. Whether this howl had any effect on further rulings of the Department is unknown to the writer, but it seems unlikely that a howl from collectors would effect the decision of the Department, at least we do not believe that the Department would or should even listen to any complaints from collectors.

It would therefore seem evident that there must also have been a howl from the large users of precanceled stamps else why would the Department begin to squirm and try to find some way to change their original ruling which would be acceptable to this class of mailers.

As a result of objections, the Department changed their ruling as regards the use of stamps above the 6c value and added to the regulations for use of stamps over the 6c value a requirement which is both ridiculous, unsound, unworkable and which they have already modified after first making the ruling.

I refer to the ruling which permitted the use of stamps over the 6c value but which required that such stamps must be marked by the user with the initials of the individual or firm holding the permit. The original ruling stated that these initials must be marked immediately above the top bar of the precancel over-print, in type of a size to conform with that of the overprint on the cancel.

This regulation could not possibly work in any practical manner, because the printed cancellation on the sheet is seldom in the same position on any number of sheets and it would therefore be impossible to make this initial overprint on a printing press. This fact must have been called to the attention of the Department very quickly for the latest ruling now states that these overprints may be made with a rubber stamp and stamped by hand.

It is of course possible but not practical that these overprints can be applied by hand. Possible because of course one could make a rubber stamp of one or several subjects and could by care, apply the overprint in the specified position. Not practical, because the time required to do this would be too great, but worse than this, any user of rubber stamps knows that it would be almost impossible to make a rubber stamp

with letters as small as now used on the Bureau Precancels and stamp these initials with rubber stamp ink so that they would be plain enough to be identified. We do admit that it could be done, but the great care, meaning time and patience in doing it would be such as to make any user of precanceled stamps quit their use and be done with it all.

For ourselves we do not know what lies behind this effort to limit or safeguard the use of precanceled stamps on parcel mail. We can only believe that loss of revenue through re-use of high value stamps is the sole reason for the attempt to find a safe method for the use of these precanceled stamps.

Admitting that this is the reason, we believe that there is a solution to the problem that should meet with the hearty approval of the government.

Collectors of precanceled stamps have made a great study of precancels and their use and are perhaps better informed on the angles entering into their use than are many large users. Collectors of precancels know that certain large users in this country, firms who also receive large remittances in unused stamps, are permitted through special concessions to precancel and use for postage large quantities of the stamps they receive in remittances in the mails.

It is this ruling that points the way

for a solution of the precancel problem that is both safe, sane and sound and which can be put into effect without possible loss to the Department and which will make the use of precanceled stamps of any denomination both safe and practical.

Briefly, we would issue a permit for the use of precanceled stamps to any approved applicant. With the permit there would be issued to the applicant a specially made handstamp with which the applicant would cancel the stamps AFTER THEY WERE PLACED ON THE PACKAGE. This handstamp should consist of lines or bars, also name of permit holder together with his permit number and name of city. Say something like this illustration.

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By the issue of these handstamps and permits there would be a definite check on known users of precancels. The holder of the handstamp and permit would be given strict instructions that in the use of the precancel permit, the stamp must first be placed on the parcel or package, then the stamps must be canceled with the special handstamp, with ink from a special pad as specified by the government (an indelible or unwashable ink) and that the handstamp MUST TIE THE STAMPS TO THE PACKAGE. To tie on in Philatelic parlance,

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**Editor's Notebook**

**AUCTION TERMS** Occasionally a reader writes in suggesting standardization of the descriptive terms used by auctioneers in their catalogs in describing condition. These dealers themselves are the first to admit lack of uniform definitions, but each more or less clearly in his catalog gives his definition of the common terms "poor," "fair," "good," "fine," and "superb." These definitions seem the only defense of the dealer since collectors have varying ideas of what those terms mean. What one fellow thinks is a good copy is in the other fellow's eyes a poor copy and still a third will likely snap it up as a superb copy. Any stamp window clerk can tell of this difference of opinion.

We regret we can offer no remedy for we believe there is none. Each catalog urges the bidder to read the description definitions before bidding and that seems the best advice of all, for in the main the auctioneer sticks to his own definitions. The foremost reason

why so many of the terms grade anything not actually damaged as good or better, is the reluctance of anyone to describe their stamps in unfavorable terms. The dealers, perhaps unconsciously, realize that to describe a stamp as fair means to receive only low bids, so most of them for their own protection start with the term average or good to describe stamps undamaged but certainly not the best of copies for that particular issue. Collectors too when offering their material describe it in the same manner. Ever hear of anyone trading in their old car and telling the appraiser the bearings are shot, the radiator was frozen and the battery is about to give up its ghost? Neither did we.

An insurmountable barrier to a standardized description of stamp condition is that some stamps occurred generally in nicely centered condition, notably recent issues, while earlier issues rarely came thus. Obviously the same standard applied to current issues cannot in fairness be applied to the early issues. Most of the copies of the Constitution stamp in philatelic hands and issued on the first day were well-centered and very few had perfs even touching the design. An average copy of this stamp would then have perfs clear of the design and not even close at any side. Yet this would be only an average copy. Compare this with an average copy of the 5c 1847 with one or two sides cut into, which would if described on the basis of the Constitution stamp be termed as poor. Then too, there is another thing to consider, the percentage of increase in value for a superb (to our mind, a finely centered copy, practically perfection) in the Constitution would be only a few percentum over the average copy. This obviously would not do for the 1847s. It would be fine to buy them at such rates, but none of us would feel good upon selling at that rate.

But hardest of all to overcome is the fact mentioned in the first paragraph, that collectors cannot agree among themselves on what are good, superb and fine copies. Dealers would be the first to agree to a set of uniform rules if they knew anyone would pay attention to them but are, after years of attempts, still trying to pound into collector's heads that they must not expect a perfection copy at prices quoted for an average copy. About the only stamps coming perfection in centering are the miniature sheets. Most dealers quote a price based on the better than average copies of that particular stamp. For those copies which come frequently in superb condition only a small additional percentage is charged, while for those that are rare in superb centering

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Though a sheet each of the three higher values was also printed with center inverted, the storm reached such proportions that these were destroyed.

Thus the 4c with inverted center wasn't a legitimate error. During the Roosevelt administration was issued the first imperforate sheets of stamps for coil vendors' use. Also during the administration was produced the first government coils and the establishment of the first naval post offices in 1908. Roosevelt ran again for President in 1912, splitting the Republican vote and thus Wilson was elected though he had a minority of the popular vote. Roosevelt has appeared only once on our stamps, the 3c blue of the series of 1922 and still current. The original flat plate printing was first issued on his birthday in 1922. The former chief executive will appear on the new 30c stamp.

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We list here the fourth series of five Whoosits of the contest started in the May 28 number (see page 486). The answers to these should reach us on a postal card postmarked no later than July 19. The correct answers and winners' names will be printed in next issue possible. To make the contest of equal fairness to all entrants in the future we are going to draw from the "all correct" entrants the winners. In this way, those who live some thousands of miles from here have an equal chance with those much nearer.

Read the Whoosits carefully and you'll stand a better chance of winning, as many of the incorrect answers were obviously not seriously considered. A brief check with any encyclopedia and catalog would have proven them incorrect and saved a number of you from submitting partially incorrect answers.

16. He was a sailor, starting as a midshipman at the age of 9, and became the first admiral of a republic whose naval forces led him in a civil war that revolutionized the methods of naval warfare. Whoosit?

17. He was Postmaster-General of one American republic and later first President of another American republic. Each has shown him on a large horizontal rectangular shaped stamp. Whoosit?

18. He was king of a turbulent nation, but is now its crown prince. Has been shown on its stamps as both king and crown prince. Whoosit?

19. He was a general whose brother was President. Stamps with his picture were ordered but before they arrived a revolution drove both brothers from the country and the portrait was overprinted with a coat of arms before the stamps were issued. Whoosit?

20. He was Governor of a U. S. Territory, but had once been President of a small republic. His name is familiarly associated with a popular fruit and he is shown on a stamp of the country. Whoosit?

The second group of five Whoosits apparently was a little harder, but even at that 33 of the entries were entirely correct. The first all correct card was received from C. W. Frost of R. D. Cambridge, Ohio, Mr. Frost winning the dollar's worth of merchandise offered as first prize on each group of Whoosits. Second prize goes to M. V. Nitrovo, 1727 Vine St., Philadelphia, Pa., who wins a \$50 credit. The other 31 stand an equal chance with them however in winning the grand prize at end of contest. Here are the correct answers to the Whoosits printed in the June 4 issue: #6. Lord Byron was the English lord and poet who took part in the Greek War for Independence and is pictured on the two commemoratives of 1924 issued by that country.

#7. Julius Caesar was the Roman Emperor who is pictured on stamps of Italy in 1929 commemorating the founding of Rome. Our question was a little in error as he was murdered in 44 B. C. rather than at the age of forty-four. However almost everyone answered this one correctly.

#8. John Ericsson is the Swede whose monument at Washington, D. C., is pictured on a stamp, the 5c Ericsson Memorial U. S. of 1926. He was inventor of the screw propeller and builder of the first Federal ironclad naval vessel, the Monitor of 1862.

#9. Ferdinand II, King of Naples and Sicily, was the ruler who bombarded his own cities during the republican revolutions of 1848. For this he gained the popular nickname of "King Bomba." He lost his throne in 1860 when his country became a part of Italy, but was shown on the issue of Sicily (see Two Sicilies in the cat.) of 1859. "Bomba" was so vain that special cancellers were used on these stamps, the design fitting like a three-sided frame around the King's head.

#10. Romulus and Remus were the legendary founders of Rome and are pictured on the Italian stamps of 1929 being suckled by a she-wolf.

Greenville, Ohio, is agitating for a monument to the Treaty of Greenville and General Anthony Wayne as it was at Greenville in August, 1795, that the treaty ending the troubles on our western frontier for many years was signed. Perhaps this may result in another stamp some day.

## 20TH CENTURY NEWFOUNDLAND

We are continuing herewith our listing of Newfoundland from our ad on page 566 of the July 2nd issue of Linn's. These issues of Newfoundland have always been very popular and many of them are becoming quite scarce. All stamps are in very good to superb condition. We would be glad to have your want list for anything not listed.

No.		Block	Mint	Used
86	2c Rose Carmine	\$2.50	\$0.40	\$0.03
87	1c Perf. 12	want	want	.06
87a	1c Perf. 12x11	.40	.10	.03
87b	1c Perf. 12x14½	want	want	.10
87d	Variety NFW.	want		.24
88	2c Carmine	.80	.20	.06
88a	2c Perf. 12x14½	want	.25	.03
89	3c Brown Olive	3.60	.90	.85
90	4c Dull Violet	4.50	1.10	want
91	5c Ultramarine	4.75	1.10	want
91a	5c Perf. 14½x12	1.80	.45	.20
93	8c Pale Brown	want	3.25	want
94	9c Olive Green	want	3.15	want
95	10c Violet Black	want	3.25	want
96	12c Lilac Brown	want	3.35	want
97	15c Grey Black	want	3.50	want
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87	1910 Guy Issue Lithographed			
88	1911 Guy Issue Engraved (Quotations are for extra-fine copies)			
89	6c Brown Violet	want	1.35	want
90	8c Bistre Brown	want	4.25	4.50
91	9c Olive Green	want	4.00	4.20
92	10c Violet Black	want	4.75	4.95
93	12c Red Brown	want	4.50	want
94	15c Slate Green	want	4.75	5.00
95	98-103 6c-15c, complete	want	21.50	want

No.		Block	Mint	Used
104	1c Yellow Green	want	.09	.01
105	2c Carmine	.50	.11	.01
106	3c Edward VIII	want	2.50	2.25
107	4c George VI	want	2.50	2.20
108	5c Ultramarine	2.75	.65	.10
109	6c Black	want	2.10	want
110	8c Peacock Blue	want	8.25	want
110a	8c Paper coloured through	want	6.00	want
111	9c Blue Violet	want	2.15	want
112	10c Dark Green	want	2.50	want
113	12c Plum	want	2.25	want
114	15c Magenta	want	2.15	want
104-114	1c-15c, complete	Very fine to superb	24.25	want
104-114	110a instead of 110	Very fine to superb	22.00	want
		Very fine to superb		

No.		Block	Mint	Used
115	1c Grey Green	\$0.20	\$0.05	\$0.01
116	2c Scarlet	.35	.09	.01
117	3c Red Brown	.35	.09	.01
118	4c Violet	want	.15	.04
119	5c Ultramarine	want	.16	.05
120	8c Magenta	want	1.00	want
122	10c Dark Green	want	.65	.22
123	12c Orange	want	1.35	1.25

## 232,000 Constitution Covers

The Philadelphia post office on June 21, the first day of issue of the 3c Constitution Ratification commemorative, sold 395,892 stamps with a total face value of \$11,876.76. 232,873 first day covers were cancelled at the office on the first day. Sales at the Philatelic Agency on the following day totalled \$10,403.22 while the Washington postmaster reported cancelling 12,100 covers on the first day of sale at Washington, though the stamp went on sale at many other points on that day too.

## 5c Monroe To Be Blue

One June 25th the P. O. Dept. announced the new 5c stamp of the regular series, portraying former President Monroe, will be printed in blue. This stamp is to be issued July 21 at Washington, D. C., for the first time.

No.		Block	Mint	Used
124	15c Dark Blue	want	1.20	1.25
125	24c Bistre	want	1.25	1.00
126	36c Olive Green	want	.85	want
116-126	1c-36c Complete	Fine to superb	want	want

## 1920 Surcharges

No.		Block	Mint	Used
127	2c on 30c Slate	want	.65	want
129	3c on 15c Scarlet	want	.80	.85

## NEW ISSUES

## Newfoundland

No.		Block	Mint	Used
2c, 3c, 4c and 7c Royal Family	1938		.23	.23
48c Ships (Jan. 1938)			2.60	.65

## Canada — June 15th, 1938

No.		Block	Mint	Used
10c, 20c, 50c and \$1.00,	pictorials		8.20	2.05
6c Airmail			.32	.08

## CANADA SETS

No.		Block	Mint	Used
141-148	1927 Commemoratives		3.20	.80
149-159	1928 Pictorials		12.60	3.15
162-172	1930 Pictorials		10.80	2.70
192-194	Ottawa Conference		1.20	.30

## 1935 Silver Jubilee

No.		Block	Mint	Used
211-216	1935 Silver Jubilee		2.40	.60
217-227	1935 Pictorials		10.40	2.60
231-236	1937 George VI		1.20	.30
501-505	1928-35 Airmails		1.80	.45

## 700-705 1898-1935 Spec. Dels.

No.		Block	Mint	Used
210-212	1937 Coronations		3.00	.75
226-229	Silver Jubilee		.72	.18
233-243	Eleven value, cent. 18.00		3.25	8.50
513-517	Labrador Airs Comp.		30.00	7.50

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## Iowa Stamp In August

Reports from Iowa state that it is expected the Iowa Territorial stamp will be issued August 24 at Des Moines, Iowa. The reason for this date is that it's the opening day of a state fair to be held in that city. No official announcement has been made.

## AUCTION CALENDAR

July 18—H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.  
July 19—230th Auction Sale. Max F. Bier Co., P. O. Box 14, Staten Island, N. Y.

The 1 and 2 rials denominations of the Shah's Birthday set of Iran were not sold at post offices, the American Consulate at Teheran reported to *Hobbies*.

France sends all ordinary letter mail by air now to England, Germany and Switzerland at no extra charge.

# The Postage Stamp Parade

A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries  
By RAY SHEPARD—1529 Duxberry Ave.—COLUMBUS, OHIO

CANADA—New design. Horizontal format.  
Copy just to hand on First Day Cover:



20c. red-brown (Old Fort Garry Gate, Winnipeg).

New Air Post. Received on same cover as above. A very striking design, showing a hydroplane and river steamer:  
6c. blue (R. J. Lewis)

LEBANON—Provisional. Under-noted, overprinted with new value in red, over the original value. 450,000 so surcharged.

17c. 6p. on 7.50p. deep blue (B. T. Baroody)

LUXEMBURG—1200 Anniversary of Saint Willibrord. Semi-postals. Engraved, large size stamps. Perf. 14x13 on three lower values and 13x14 on three higher:  
35c. plus 10c. gray-green  
70c. plus 10c. gray  
1.25f. plus 25c. red  
1.75f. plus 50c. slate-blue  
3f. plus 2f. sepia  
5f. plus 5f. lilac (Morris Jacobowitz)

NEWFOUNDLAND—Engraved, sheets of 100 (10x10) wmkd. Arms, perf. 13x13½. New portrait designs in frame:  
2c. green (King George VI)  
8c. carmine (Queen Elizabeth)  
4c. pale blue (Princess Elizabeth)  
7c. ultramarine (Queen Mary) (R. Roberts)

NIGERIA—King George VI designs. Engraved. Values up to and including 1s. printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., perf. 12. Two higher values printed by De la Rue and perf. 13x12. All are wmkd. script C.A. and crown:  
½d. green  
1d. carmine  
1½d. red-brown  
2d. gray-black (R. Roberts)

3d. blue  
4d. orange  
6d. dull purple  
1s. olive  
2s6d ultramarine & black  
6s. orange & black (R. Roberts)

ROUMANIA—Semi-Postals. Upright format, perf. 13½, wmkd., crown and monogram motif. The entire set pictures various famous personages in the history of Roumania, beginning with Demetrius Cantemir on the 25 bani and ending with King Carol I on the 20 Leu. The four highest values do not appear to carry any surtax, though they may be sold for double face or at an advance over their face value.

25b. plus 25b. black  
50b. plus 50b. sepia  
1L plus 1L dark violet  
2L plus 2L yellow-green  
3L plus 2L reddish-purple  
4L plus 2L orange-red  
6L plus 2L red-brown  
7.50L gray-blue  
10L ultramarine  
16L black  
20L orange (Morris Jacobowitz)

RUSSIA—Typographed, unwmkd. Perf. 12 x12½:  
5k. color not noted (Statue design, Paris Exhibition)  
20k. color not noted (Peasant design)

Red Army. Typographed, (1r.) Photo (10k. to 80k.). Perf. 12½. Issued in honor of the 20th Anniversary of the Army.  
10k. black and red (Infantryman)  
20k. black and red (Tank driver)  
30k. black and red, and blue (sailor)  
50k. black and red, and blue (airman)  
80k. black and red (Stalin reviewing cavalry)  
1r. black and red (machine gunners) (L. A. Russell)

SIERRA LEONE—King George VI. Engraved, sheets of 60 (6x12), wmkd. script C.A., perf. 12½:  
½d. green & black (Freetown Harbor)  
1d. claret & black (same)  
1½d. bright carmine (Rice Harvest)  
2d. violet (same)  
3d. ultramarine & black (same as ½d.) (R. Roberts)

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—Postage Due Stamp. Typographed, sheets of 100 (10x10) wmkd. script C.A. perf. 14. Inscribed "MALAYAN POSTAL UNION"; Federated Malay States:

D1—1c. deep purple

Perak. Typographed, sheets of 100 (10x10), wmkd. script C.A. perf. 14. Design, new portrait of the Sultan:

40c. lilac & carmine (R. Roberts)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO—King George VI Design. Engraved, sheets of 60 (6x12) script C.A. and crown wmkd. perf. 11½x11:

1c. green & blue (First Boca)  
2c. pale brown & deep blue (College of Agriculture)

3c. carmine & black (Mt. Irvine Bay, Tobago)  
4c. brown (Memorial Park)  
6c. sky blue & sepia (Discovery of Lake Asphalt)  
8c. orange & olive-green (Queens Park, Savannah)  
12c. purple & black (Town Hall, S. Fernando)  
24c. olive & black (Government House)  
60c. rose-pink & black (Blue Basin) (R. Roberts)

## ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS TO KENMORE'S 1938 CATALOGUE

	ADDITIONS	PRICE CHANGES
AUSTRALIA		ASCENSION
171 (1) .10	23-30 (8) 1.40	
172-3 (2) 3.75	BASUTOLAND	
174 (1) .04	11-14 (4) .70	
BASUTOLAND		BERMUDA
125 (8) .80	104 (1) 5.00	
26 (1) .75	BR. HONDURAS	
27 (1) 1.50	124 (1) 1.25	
28 (1) 3.00	CEYLON	
RECHUANALAND		CYPRUS
124-01 (8) .80	271 (1) .20	
133 (1) .75	272 (1) .25	
135 (1) 1.50	973 (1) .32	
136 (1) 3.00	274 (1) .60	
CAYMAN		Egypt
100-108 (9) .75	107 (1) 4.50	
109 (1) .60	108 (1) 8.00	
110 (1) 1.50	166-69 (4) 2.50	
111 (1) 3.00	204-06 (3) .75	
CEYLON		GIBRALTAR
278-87 (10) 1.35	57 (1) 42.00	
288 (1) .95	GOLD COAST	
289 (1) 2.35	124 (1) .60	
CYPRUS		IRISH
143-51 (9) 1.00	93-95 (3) 6.10	
152-53 (2) 2.00	KENYA	
154 (1) 3.00	207-12 (6) .70	
155 (1) 6.00	MONTSERRAT	
Egypt		MONTSERRAT
375 (1) .02	77 (1) .25	
HONG KONG		83 (1) 7.60
406-9 (4) .15	84 (1) 13.00	
JOHORE		NEWFOUNDLAND
300-4 (5) .30	108 (1) .55	
KEDAH		109 (1) 1.75
55-60 (6) 1.35	110 (1) 8.00	
61 (1) .80	110a (1) 5.50	
62 (1) 1.50	111 (1) 1.90	
63 (1) 3.75	112 (1) 2.25	
KELANTAN		113 (1) 2.10
37-49 (13) 2.40	114 (1) 1.80	
KENYA		118 (1) .20
63-70 (8) .75	119 (1) .22	
71 (1) .60	121 (1) 1.10	
72 (1) .90	126 (1) .95	
73 (1) 1.50	115-26 Set 7.50	
74 (1) 3.00	212 (1) .08	
NEWFOUNDLAND		213 (1) .12
244 (1) .55	215 (1) .18	
245-8 (4) .25	216 (1) .22	
NIGERIA		217 (1) .45
53-60 (8) .75	218 (1) .55	
61 (1) .75	219 (1) .55	
62 (1) 1.50	212-25 Set 10.00	
SWAZILAND		NEW GUINEA
27-34 (8) .80	30 (1) 10.00	
35 (1) .75	127 (1) 10.00	
36 (1) 1.50	PALESTINE	
37 (1) 3.00	74 (1) .80	
SOMALILAND		PAPUA
84-92 (9) 1.50	202-04 (3) .75	
93 (1) .90	ST. VINCENT	
94 (1) 1.35	118-26 (7) 1.00	
95 (1) 2.25	131 (1) 8.00	
TRINIDAD AND		TRIN. & TOB.
TOBAGO		41 (1) .90
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# PRECANCEL STAMP NEWS

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## ANOTHER NEW ONE

1½c Wooster, O., B-11 type.

Confirming last week's report on the 1½c by Joe Rodes who also reports the above item, was a note from Mrs. W. M. Briggs of Peoria with one of the new Peoria items on the cover. We also have heard that a ½c buro item has been noted going thru the mails but the exact town was not ascertained so we refrain from listing. In the case of the Wooster, O., item noted above there must have been some crossed wires as it has not been so long ago that I listed the 1c ord. as being on order from that place. I believe that in the future we can expect most of these items on order to be of the new issue, altho many experts thought that it might be a year or more till any amount of the new issue would be overprinted.

## CITY TYPES, NEW ISSUE

½c Orono, Me., U-122  
½c Federalsburg, Md., U-121  
1c Walnut Creek, Calif., U-121  
1c Garden City, N. Y., U-10  
1c Putney, Vt., U-120  
1½c Putney, Vt., U-120

Am indebted to the Pine Tree Stamp Co., Geo. C. Class, Jos. S. Grant and the Parker Haydon Co. for the above items.

## AFTERTHOUGHTS

Have we not all along been overlooking something about this new ruling demanding Initials and date besides the town and state name? Another thing to be noted is that if this procedure is carried out to any extent the general or basic part of the precancel will have to be changed, because in many cases the lines or bars are so far apart that there is little room above for any initials or dates. Get out some of your precancels and note how small the type would have to be in order to get a CLEAR IMPRINT as the ruling demands. Better centering in the case of the first imprint must be the order or else the whole thing will be messy and very indistinct. Note how far apart the lines of the present B-11 type coils are and the sheet stamps are but very little closer.

A thought Hoover Bros. gives us is that if the ruling is carried out there will be some of this secondary overprinting on the past issue and that these items naturally will be rather scarce.

## N. Y. PRECANCEL CLUB

Meetings for July have been changed to the 2nd and 4th weeks. July 8th and 22nd will be the changed dates.

## NOTES

To the Cleveland reader asking about the Michigan City, Ind., Error. The U you note is an inverted N. It occurs five

times in a 25 subject handstamp so you see it is not so scarce. The other things you note are simply twists that this old rubber handstamp has gotten into due to its age.—A 2c Army turns up from St. Paul, Minn., in the multiple mail order type.—½c Hale perf. 11x10½ from Parkersburg in U-15 inv.—The Manchester 1c buro coil repair mentioned quite a while back seems to have turned out to be only a worn plate.

## Long Island Precancel Club

The first meeting of the newly formed Long Island Precancel Club will be held Thursday evening, July 14, at Haddon Hall, corner of 162nd St. and 89th Ave., Jamaica, N. Y. The club is open to all precancel collectors and meetings will be held second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Information on membership, etc., may be obtained of the Secretary, Chas. Lasky, 162-13 Hillside Ave., Jamaica, who tells us many features are being planned that will benefit local and corresponding members alike.

## Portuguese Colonial Airmails

Seven new airmail stamp issuing countries or divisions will be added to the lists of air stamp collectors, when each of the Portuguese Colonies are supplied with airmail stamps soon. At present only Macao and Mozambique Company have air sets, but the new issue will comprise sets of nine from Angola, Cape Verde Islands, Mozambique, Portuguese Guinea, St. Thomas and Prince Islands and Timor and a set of eight for Portuguese India.

## Present Address Wanted

Recently a parcel was returned to Linprint which had been mailed to a subscriber to our cover service. The parcel bore the standard post office rubber-stamped marking "Returned for Better Address" and just above it another marking "DECEASED". Now our mailing clerk wonders just how to readress it as neither of the two alternatives is listed in the postal guide.

A cachet will be used at Vancouver on July 31st to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the first flight in Canada by a woman, Mrs. Alys M. Bryant. Send covers unsealed to Geo. Fawkes, 567 W. 18th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., who will accept U. S. stamps to exchange for Canadian if you have none of the latter to put on your cover.

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## Tie Them On

is to have the cancellation start off the stamp at one side, run across the stamp and lap off on the other side on to the paper of the parcel.

Stamps placed on parcels and canceled in this manner could not possibly ever be recovered and reused. Government regulations would specify that the cancellation must be applied carefully and clearly, that any indication of double cancellation or reuse of the stamps would immediately subject the parcel to extra postage to the amount on the parcel, plus a penalty if desired.

This method would save the work of cancelling the stamps at the postoffice, the only reason for the use of precanceled stamps in the first place and should solve the problem in a manner that would be satisfactory to all concerned.

This method would also be beneficial to firms who receive quantities of postage stamps in the mail and which they must discount five to ten percent in order to get their cash from them. Many stamps so received could be used up in this manner.

We recommend this thought to the Postoffice Department and believe it will solve the Precancel Problem.

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3c Mothers Day F or Rotary	.10
3c Wisconsin (Green Bay)	.25
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# BROADWAY CHATTER

BY BISSTANE

As you may recall, in my column of June 25, I made mention of the fact that at every one of J. M. Bartels' recent auction sales, he had for sale very fine copies of the high value Canadian Queen Victoria Jubilee which usually sell for over catalogue value. On June 15-16 Mr. Bartels had another sale containing these high value Jubilees, and they sold as follows: The \$1.00, 1897 Scott #61, catalogues \$5.00, sold for \$4.90. The \$3.00 which catalogues for \$9.00 was knocked down at \$9.25. A fine block of the \$4.00 value, cataloguing \$36.00, brought \$30.50. Two other of these \$4.00 valued stamps cat. \$9.00 sold for \$9.85 and \$8.85. (Here again, one can see how condition might change the value of a stamp) and still another pair of the \$4.00 stamp sold for only \$14.50. The \$5.00 value, like the others, held its own. This stamp catalogues at \$9.00, and one copy sold for \$9.60 while another for \$8.80.

An interesting fact in the sale is that the 2c coil of 1923-25 Scott #599-99a was represented in the form of a pair. One stamp being that of Type 1, and the other Type 2. This sold for \$30.00.

According to reports I have heard, the Gimbel Stamp Dept. has acquired a five volume collection of Lindbergh material. It starts with Lindbergh's first mention as an air mail pilot and carries through to his Atlantic flight, foreign and United

States tours, and various anniversaries. This is probably the largest collection of its type in existence.

A prominent New York dealer who had a summer home in upper New York State, walked into the Post Office and noticed some old commemoratives. He, of course being a stamp man of the first rank, inquired as to how many sheets the Post Office is supplied with and if it were possible for him to get the plate blocks. The Postmaster was indeed happy to accommodate him and both enjoyed good business for a number of years. Things then started to go bad for this dealer and he had to sell his country home. Two years later, this man returned to see his postmaster friend and found to his amazement that the post office had moved and was classified at a lower rating. The reason being that this dealer did one-third the entire business of the office.

Miniature Sheets are in again. This time it's Switzerland. It might be bad enough for countries to put from one to ten stamps on a sheet, but when they put 25 stamps on a sheet that's going some. I wonder if they will be selling master panes next and dropping the word miniature altogether?

## De Soto Stamp Requested

From January 31 to Feb. 18th inclusive, Tampa, Fla., will stage the "Pan American Hernando De Soto Exposition" to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Spanish explorer, Hernando De Soto, at Tampa in 1539. De Soto was the fourth Spanish conquistador to explore the region now termed Florida. President Wm. A. Salade of the Tampa Stamp Club announced that his club will hold a Latin American Stamp Show at the Exposition and that application has been made for a commemorative stamp. He reports they favor the idea. Tentative plans call for establishment of a post office at the Exposition.

We've heard a lot of talk about using caution, but apparently this repeated urging hasn't counted much with the inhabitants of Trinity County, California. They use CAUTION so seldom that after July 15 there won't be any. It's a postoffice!

The post office of Hebron, N. H. dies hard. Originally ordered discontinued as of March 15th last, the order has now for the third time been modified and unless again changed the office will finally fade out on Sept. 30th.

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Indo China—(4 values)	.24
Monaco—(5 values)	.18
Suriname—Children's Aid	.29
Switzerland—New National Holiday	
1938 (1 value)	.07
Switzerland—New National Holiday	
Minature Sheet (25)	1.65

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566-67	.90
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Greece—Zeppelin 755-57 (3)	.95
Lithuania—Sanabria #53-60 (Cat. \$2.00)	1.00
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### Plate Varieties Explained

Another variety, though rare instances are known, is the *triple transfer*, a stamp showing evidence of a third transfer. Also known are *short transfers*, where the transfer roller is not rocked sufficiently to make a complete transfer. Instances of this is type III of the 1c 1851-56 where the foliated ornaments at top and bottom are incomplete.

**Recut.** This term applies to those stamps having had the design in part recut by the engraver by hand. This is frequently done to strengthen a weak



Recutting on the 1c 1851-57 (termed as Type IV)

design. The 6c 1922 on plate 14169 had one subject recut in the upper right corner which had been a double transfer before the engraver recut the stamp to correct the transfer error.

**Re-engraved.** This term is practically synonymous with *recut* as re-engraved merely indicates the entire design has been recut or re-engraved, while the term *recut* applies only to those designs only partially recut or re-engraved. Re-engraved stamps are usually told by their having the re-engraved portions of the design heavier or clearer.

**Cracked Plate.** Plates occasionally crack while being used, under the strain of printing. The crack is readily distinguished from other plate varieties by the colored line being very irregular and without relation to the lines of the design. Frequently a crack runs over two

or more stamps at varying angles. Since the Bureau commenced plating plates with a thin coat of chromium, there have been noted a number of faint cracks, usually very minor. These result from cracks in the chromium surface only, and being so shallow are correspondingly faint.

**Guide Dots.** These are small dots, almost pin-points in appearance and are found more frequently than any other type of variety. In laying out a plate these dots are used as guides to correctly placing the transfers. They are normally



Cracked Plate

covered or erased, but occasionally turn up, sometimes outside the design.

**Not Plate Varieties.** Among the things commonly mistaken for plate varieties are the "white spots" frequently found on the rotary press stamps. These are caused by faulty or insufficient inking of the plate and if there is no ink in any of the recesses, then certainly none can appear on the stamp. These stamps have a mottled appearance, are generally found in varying degree

the pleat or fold is unfolded you have a white streak the width of the unexposed paper across the stamp. Many collectors collect the freaks, term them "creased paper varieties." An extra smear of ink across some stamps is also noticed occasionally but it is natural that even with the fine machinery of the Bureau that occasional over-inking or smearing from handling when ink is wet will occur.

Every time a bi-colored stamp appears many collectors find their copies have the central design misplaced, shifted sometimes considerably from its normal position. Often these are thought to be errors in design, but such is not the case. Such varieties are to be expected on stamps printed in two or more colors. The reason is that each color is printed separately, each part being made into a separate plate. On the current 6c airmail the frames are printed first from 100 subject plates containing only frame designs. These sheets are cut in two and the centers printed from plates having only the eagle portion of the design. The reason for this small size is to make the percentage of accurate registration of the center increase. The dampened paper shrinks in varying degrees and thus it is difficult to register well the centers on large sheets. Even



Double Transfer on 10c 1847. Few present day issues show more than minute traces of first transfer.



A typical Shift - extra line at top

throughout a sheet, and have no extra value. Another printing variety is the creased paper. This is a fairly frequent happening when the paper is wrinkled so that it folds or pleats slightly, usually such pleats being only about one-sixteenth inch in width. Under the pressure of printing these remain in the sheet of paper and naturally the design reaches only the exposed surface. When

so the centers will be found in various positions but unless touching or overlapping the border are of not much more than passing interest. Take two rubber stamps some day and try to make a number of impressions from each, always exactly in the same relation to each other and you will understand easily why and how these off-register varieties occur.

In collecting plate varieties it is well to remember that if the variety is white it is not a plate variety unless it comes from a broken relief on the transfer

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roller. The raised portions, i.e., the portions in relief, upon the roller, make the recesses in the plate. If any portion of this relief is broken away, that portion of the design will not be forced into the plate and consequently that portion of the design will appear in white instead of the color of the stamp. This does happen, but infrequently. An example is the cap on 2 of the 2c 1890 and the broken hat of Columbus on many of the 2c Columbians. Such can be readily told from printing varieties by the fact that the plate variety occurs every time an impression is made exactly in the same position.

To find plate varieties takes practice. They can seldom be found or even seen with the naked eye. A good light and a good magnifying glass are essentials. To some people the search for these is hard on the eyes and in that case it's not advisable of course. But to the many members of the Bureau Issues Association and others these are of much interest. The latter society publishes a monthly journal recording the latest finds in plate varieties as well as new plate number discoveries and plate markings. Plate markings we might add are something else. Under that term are classified the lines, figures and inscriptions used to mark the plate for the guidance of pressmen, engravers, etc. These are the centerlines, arrows, plate numbers and kindred markings. The Secretary of the Society is Mrs. J. W. Lundy, whose address is 23 South Chancellor St., Newton, Pa. We shall be

glad to answer any questions on plate varieties, except valuation, but always send a stamped envelope or card for reply.

### First Inaugural Stamp Is Asked

The Masonic Stamp Club of New York City adopted a resolution at its June 3rd meeting as follows:

Whereas: The Post Office department has for some years commemorated important national anniversaries by the issuance of special stamps, and

Whereas: April 30th, 1939, will be the 150th Anniversary of one of the most important events in United States history, the inauguration of George Washington as First President, at New York, on April 30th, 1789; therefore, be it

Resolved: That Postmaster General James A. Farley be requested to consider the issuance of a proper stamp commemorating that anniversary, said stamp to be issued at New York, April 30th, 1939, and, unless a more suitable design be suggested, that the new stamp show a reproduction of the well known picture of Washington taking the Oath of Office on the balcony of the Old Federal Hall.

(Editor's Note: Such a stamp, commemorating the first inaugural, is promised for this event and was announced at the time the first Constitution stamp came out. It is planned to have others for the first Congress and first Supreme Court, all anniversaries in 1939.)

We are indebted to Fritz R. H. Huebner of North Hollywood for a cover with cachet of the Third Townsend National Convention held in Los Angeles recently.

### More Spanish Commem.

An Associated Press cable from Barcelona in a clipping from H. F. Tunis of Newark, N. J., tells of the Spanish Loyalists planning to issue 4,000,000 stamps to commemorate the suffering of workers at Segunto as the result of 224 insurgent air raids. Arthur Barger, formerly of New York City, is directing the production of this issue. The AP also credits him with having supervised the Madrid Defense, U. S. Constitution, Submarine and Montserrat airmail issues.

Captain Tim Healy, well known stamp speaker, will, starting with the program on Saturday, July 2, be the commentator on the 15 minute weekly stamp broadcast over the NBC Red Network.

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